



# HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

The Colorado Springs Fire Department wants to help you prevent home fires and to be aware of hazards in your home. If there is a fire, you may have less than 3 minutes to get out of your home. Make sure everyone in your home knows what to do if there is a fire.

✓ Put a check in front of each statement that is true for your home.

## SMOKE & CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS

- ☐ Smoke alarms are on every level of your home.
- ☐ Smoke alarms are inside and outside each sleeping areas.
- ☐ Smoke alarms are less than 10 years old.
- ☐ Smoke alarm batteries are replaced as needed *(unless it is 10 year tamper proof alarm).*
- ☐ Carbon monoxide alarms are on every level of your home.
- ☐ Carbon monoxide alarms are less than 7 years old.
- ☐ All smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are tested monthly.



## ELECTRICAL & APPLIANCES

- ☐ Electrical cords are in good condition *(not frayed or damaged).*
- ☐ Electrical cords are not running across doorways or under carpets.
- ☐ All extension cords are used safe *(not under carpets or across walking areas).*
- ☐ Replace missing or broken electrical outlet cover or switch plates.
- ☐ Appliances are plugged into separate electrical outlets.
- ☐ Portable space heaters are 3 ft. away from anything that can burn.



## UTILITIES & HOUSEKEEPING

- ☐ The furnace has been inspected in the past year.
- ☐ The chimney has been inspected and cleaned in the past year.
- ☐ Maintain a 3 ft clearance around the furnace from combustible materials.
- ☐ Area around the electrical panel is accessible and free of clutter.
- ☐ Bathroom exhaust fans are clean and free of lint.
- ☐ Matches and lighters are kept out of reach of children in a secure place.
- ☐ Flammables are stored in sturdy metal containers and in a cool place.
- ☐ The clothes dryer has a clean vent and filter *(there is no lint build-up).*



## COOKING & KITCHEN

- ☐ NEVER LEAVE COOKING UNATTENDED!
- ☐ If there is food cooking on the stovetop, an adult is present.
- ☐ Pot handles are always turned toward the back of the stove.
- ☐ Combustible and other flammable materials are away from the stovetop.
- ☐ Always set a timer or reminder when cooking on the stove or oven.
- ☐ The oven is never used to heat the home.
- ☐ Stove and oven(s) are clean and free of built up splatter and grease.





# EMERGENCY INFORMATION

## ONLY CALL 911 TO...

- ☒ Stop a crime
- ☒ Save a life
- ☒ Report a fire

## CALLING 911

### ASK YOURSELF BEFORE YOU CALL...

1. If this were **YOU**, would you call 9-1-1?
2. Is this a **LIFE THREATENING** emergency?
3. Can this be taken care of by a clinic or a nurse in the morning?

### WHEN YOU CALL...

1. The dispatcher will ask your location and nature of your emergency
2. You will need to answer the questions
3. Emergency crews will be sent according to the level assigned

### AFTER YOU CALL...

1. Never hang up until the dispatcher instructs you to
2. Be prepared to provide the same information or updated information to the emergency crew that responds
3. Be prepared to show emergency crews where the person is located



**CALL  
444-7000**

**FOR NON-EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE  
IN COLORADO SPRINGS**

## MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

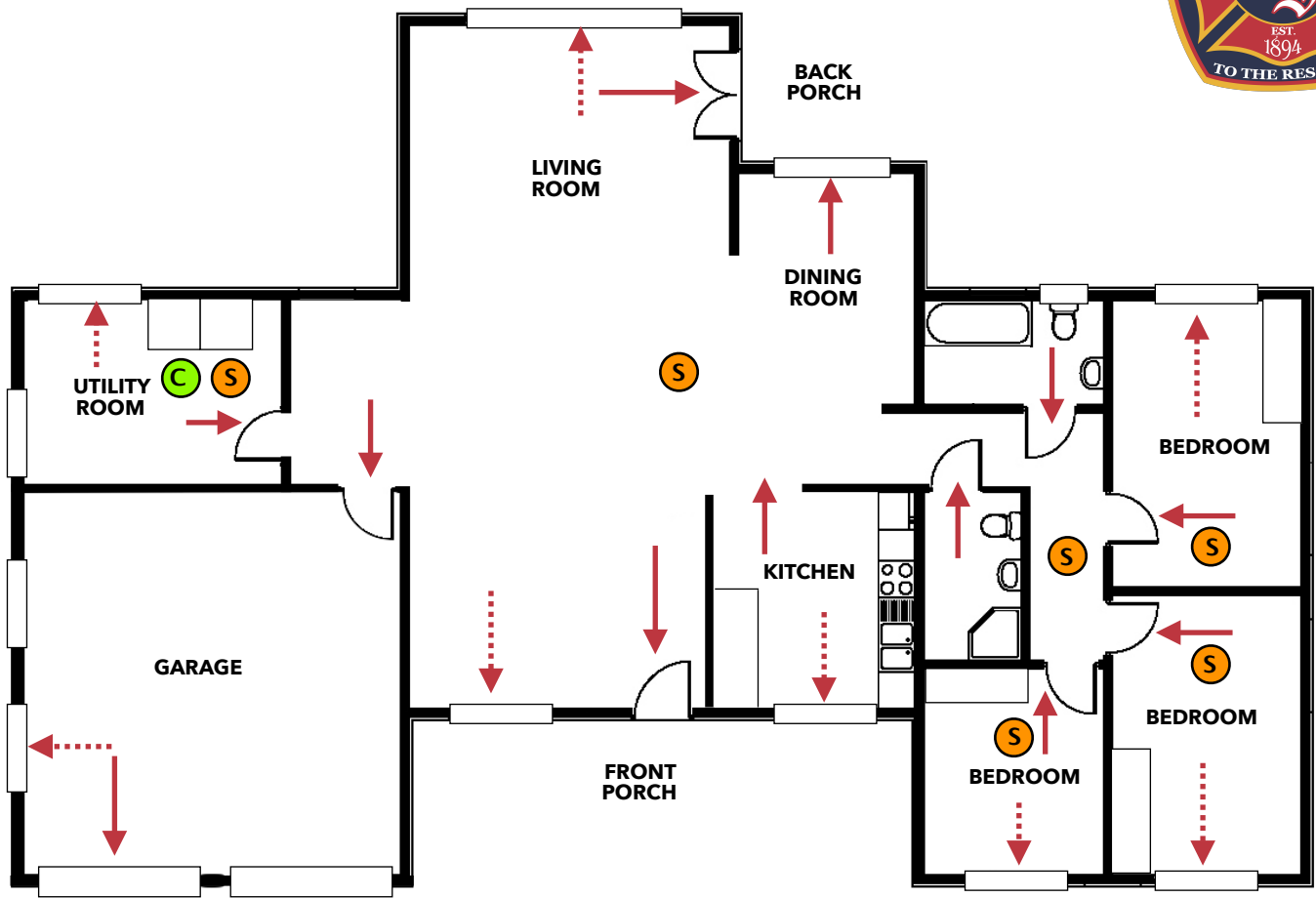
- Loss of consciousness
- Loss of limb
- Gasping for air or not breathing
- Experiencing an allergic reaction
- Having chest pain
- Having uncontrollable bleeding
- Having stroke like symptoms
- Any other symptoms that require immediate medical attention



## NUMBERS TO KNOW

|                                   |                                   |                            |                |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| Colorado Child Abuse Hotline      | 1-844-CO-4-KIDS<br>1-844-264-5437 | Colorado Springs Utilities | 719-448-4800   |
| Colorado Crisis Service & Support | 1-844-493-TALK<br>1-844-493-8255  | Colorado State Patrol      | 719-544-2424   |
| Colorado Springs Code Enforcement | 719-444-7891                      | Pikes Peak Humane Society  | 719-473-1741   |
|                                   |                                   | Poison Control             | 1-800-222-1222 |
|                                   |                                   | Road Reports - CDOT        | 1-877-315-7632 |

# HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLAN



## HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLAN CHECKLIST:

- ☐ Draw a map of your home showing all windows and doors.
- ☐ Find 2 ways out of each room and mark them on your map with arrows.
- ☐ Pick 1 place outside of your home where everyone will meet.
- ☐ Mark the location of smoke alarms with a circled "S".
- ☐ Mark the location of carbon monoxide with a circled "C".
- ☐ Make sure your house or building number can be seen from the street.
- ☐ Check your smoke alarms every month.
- ☐ Practice your home fire escape plan at least 2 times per year!
- ☐ Replace your smoke alarms every 10 years.



## ALWAYS REMEMBER:

1. Get low and go under smoke.
2. Get out and stay out!
3. Call 911 from your meeting place.
4. If you can't evacuate, close the door and call 911 to alert them of where you are in the home.

